

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5       The present invention is directed to parenterally-administrable microparticles  
for providing sustained-release of a therapeutic agent in the body, where the  
microparticles include a polymeric core containing a therapeutically effective  
amount of a therapeutic agent disposed therein, a first film encapsulating the core,  
the first film prepared from a first biodegradable polymer soluble in an appropriate  
solvent therefore, and a second film encapsulating the core and the first film, the  
10       second film prepared from a biodegradable polymer soluble in an appropriate  
solvent therefore, wherein the first film is insoluble in the solvent used to prepare  
the second film, and to parenterally-administrable compositions containing such  
microparticles dispersed in a suitable carrier therefore.